

SURGEONS REBUILD ARMY DEFECTIVES

Round Shouldered Rookie Is
Straightened and Given
New Zest in Life.

SEEMING MIRACLES DONE

Orthopedic Division at Camp
Dix Is Saving Many Men
Otherwise Unfit.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
CAMP DIX, WRIGHTSTOWN, N. J., June 1.—He came to the big training camp in a recent draft from a rural district in New York State. How the home board came to accept him is a mystery, for he was so round shouldered that he looked like a hunchback. Had he arrived a few months earlier the camp examining board would have sent him back post haste, but under the new ruling which permits the army to salvage from this human stream called conscription the draft which has been formerly stamped "unfit" he was accepted.

For several days he drilled with his company in the depot brigade. At least he tried to drill. But no amount of exercise nor of coaxing of the drill officer could get him to straighten up and throw back his shoulders. To make matters worse his feet went bad and finally he could scarcely hobble about. Then he was sent to the base hospital, where he became a patient in the new orthopedic department.

Make His Crooked Spine Straight.
Experts looked over his bent form and then went to work. They massaged his back and even baked it under an electric heater. They compelled him to undergo exercises until he winced at the pain of muscles and tendons put into play that had been useless for years. The crooked spine became supple. With a supreme effort he could straighten his back while in bed. When he sat up or walked, however, he slouched into the same old stoop shouldered posture.

"It's no use, I can't do it," he pleaded when a physical director told him to straighten up and go through a certain series of exercises. And apparently he couldn't. But the experts of this new department had another card to play. They began to teach him self-confidence. Before another week and they had proven to his own satisfaction that he could straighten those shoulders. To eliminate further detail it is merely necessary to relate that he is now ready to go back to his company—not for a camp job or even for the new United States Guards, but as fit for a first line unit. The orthopedic experts actually have invented that hump on his back and have made it bulge out his chest. He carries his head erect, his shoulders thrown back and walks with a confident, easy stride, for they have strengthened by special exercises the trochee of his feet and given him special shoes to correct any threatening medial defects.

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they regarded him as a "quitter," but the surgeons found he was suffering from a very real but rare ailment. For days he could get about the ward only on all fours. Under an elaborate and varied treatment he is again learning to walk and while he may never be fit for first line service he can do camp duties that will release some able bodied man for a line regiment.

Several recruits were found strong enough physically but unfit for military duties because of web fingers. Orthopedic surgeons deftly operated to correct this deformity and these men have gone back to their regiments with free hands for the first time in their lives. In another case, where extra toes on each foot prevented a negro recruit from wearing shoes and extra fingers annoyed him in handling a gun, the surgeons obstinately took off the extra digits.

Besides occupational therapy is playing a big part in hastening cures among the more serious cases of these wards. Physicians have found that a patient is much benefited physically and mentally when he can be given some definite work to offset the monotony of hospital days. Hence some knit socks on bedside looms, others weave baskets, make checker boards and other games or do other work that their condition will permit.

The orthopedic department, as it is being developed at the Camp Dix base hospital, has a three-fold value. It saves the man for the army, it keeps him at his work and by the promptness and effectiveness of its cures or permanent relief it saves a bed in this base hospital, which in itself alone is a big item.

Camp Columbia Starts Work.
The first group of college men left for Camp Columbia, the Columbia University training camp for officers, Saturday. The camp will get into full swing tomorrow, when the first work will begin. The men who went to camp yesterday, about seventy in number, will take one week's preparatory course previous to entering the more advanced work which will begin in another week.

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REVERTS TO COLONELCY

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CAMP MCCLELLAN, ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 1.—Brig.-Gen. William C. Rafferty was honorably discharged to-day from active service in the National Army Field Artillery, this action automatically relieving him of the command of the Fifty-fourth Artillery Brigade, of which the New Jersey heavies are a part. Col. Quincy Gilmore of Atlantic City is in temporary command of the brigade.

The retirement of Gen. Rafferty, who has been given credit for the invention of artillery "indirect fire" methods, was wholly unexpected. He is a West Pointer and before the present emergency was in the Regular Army Coast Artillery, to which branch he now returns as a Colonel, his old grade.

Gen. Rafferty is the third Brigadier-General of the Twenty-ninth Division to be discharged since last fall. Brig.-Gen. Charles W. Barber of New Jersey is the only one of the original quota remaining. Brig.-Gen. Charles D. Gaither of Maryland and Cecil C. Vaughan of Virginia, both National Guard officers, were discharged because of physical disability.

Promotions are coming rapidly these days to commission officers from New Jersey who have shown efficiency in this division. Among those given raises to-day are the following:
First Lieut. Chester A. Williams of Jersey City, to be a Captain; and the following to be First Lieutenants: Second Lieut. Le Roy Everett of Trenton, Walter G. Scherrer of Newark, Stephen A. Babol of Passaic, John F. Gorman of Camden, Thomas B. Lang of Jersey City, Ellis J. Carman of Plainfield, Ernest C. Hegger of Newark, James P. McKitterick of Paterson, and Walter H. Carver of Camden.

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Walter C. Baird of Freehold, Charles A. Heiser, Bayonne; Daniel P. Brown, Salem; Charles Goebel, Jersey City; Russell B. Keen, Karl Sheckley and Harry V. Skillman of Camden, Morris C. Kirwan, Theodore Cusumard, William Applebaum, Morris W. Wheeler, and Ruben Holmes of Newark, and Charles Gano of Freehold.

Two New Jersey medical officers of the old National Guard have been given assignments in this division after a long period of shifting around. They are: Capt. Edgar Roberts of West New York, formerly of the Fourth Infantry, who goes to the 110th Divisional Machine Gun Battalion, and Capt. Raymond S. Seibert of Trenton, formerly of the Second Infantry, who has been assigned to the 113th Infantry.

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Praises Work of America in
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Fight Abroad.

Supplementing that portion of a speech he made at the Union League Club on Friday night in which he said that Germany long before the war had laid her plans for the conquest of the south Pacific and Australia Premier Hughes of Australia told yesterday at the Harvard Club how in one way Germany had been of actual benefit to Australia.

"Our mines," he said, "which are extensive, were entirely under the control of German capital when the war came. It gives me pleasure to say that they are no longer under that control and also that arrangements have been perfected by which for twenty-five years to come the control cannot possibly be reestablished. But to be fair, the German energy and capital were very beneficial to us. After we took over the mines ourselves we found the plants and organ-

izations so excellent that we were able to begin at once the making of ships and munitions with which to help defeat Germany. Without the German pioneer work we never could have got going so well or so fast."

Mr. Hughes added that Australia is turning out a steadily increasing quantity of shipping, steel, wooden and concrete. He had as callers yesterday a score of the members of the Foreign Correspondents Association, which was organized last March in Washington for the purpose of cooperating in every way for the overcoming of the worldwide German propaganda. Since the entrance of the United States into the war members of the association have travelled all parts of the United States and called encouraging news of American shipyard, munition and airplane work to points all over the world. Mr. Hughes asked yesterday that they send this message broadcast on his behalf:

"I have seen what the United States is accomplishing in the matter of raising an army and sending it abroad. It is impossible to overrate and it is vain for the enemy to undertake what may be expected from this tremendous physical and spiritual force."

82 SENIORS IN SERVICE.
West of Columbia Class to Hear Baccalaureate Sermon.
The Columbia University baccalaureate service will be held this afternoon in the Columbia gymnasium, where the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles L. Battersby, D. D., rector of Grace Church.

This year's service, held in the gymnasium to provide for the large audience which invariably attends, will have a martial tone. There will be eighty-two vacant seats in the ranks of the Columbia College seniors, representing women of the class in service.

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